

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## "ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE"

### ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS  
IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST  
JESUS CONCERNING YOU

S. W. Latimer.

The first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by Governor Bradford after his colony had settled near Plymouth in Massachusetts after a good crop of corn had been raised and turkey, deer and fish secured for winter.

The governor set a day for Thanksgiving, and from that time on the people of America have been observing Thanksgiving Day. What trait of character more beautiful than gratitude? What baser than ingratitude? If men were called upon to thank God for His gifts in former dispensations, how much more should we call upon our souls and all that is within us to bless and magnify His holy name in these times and in this land where God is pouring out upon us blessings in such rich profusion.

We sing, "Count Your Blessings, Name Them One By One." But that is impossible. They are innumerable. Some of them are so rare and wonderful, and we are so dull and stupid that we cannot recognize them, but let us think of those that we can number. Truly God has not dealt with any people as He has us. Think of this good land which He prepared for us. In the ages past, He lifted up a great chain of mountains as a backbone for our continent from which slopes half the arable land of the world, then He traced mighty river systems and scooped out broad lakes till He had made a way for five-sixths of the fresh water of the globe, then He laid away under this soil unparalleled wealth of oil and gas and coal and iron and precious metals. Through uncounted millenniums the great architect toiled to prepare a fit place for our nation.

From the day on which that Congress adjourned, the mighty hand of infinite wisdom and goodness has been over this nation in divine benediction. Our land has had its days of adversity; at times it seemed as if the nation would be torn asunder because of policies that seemed irreconcilable, but out of these conflicts God led us into times of peace and prosperity. Today safe investments are available; conscientious labor is rewarded; luxuries are possible to the many, while few are without the necessities of life; the unfortunate are provided for in wisely managed institutions sustained by generosity of a people. Education from the common schools to the university is accessible to all. More is being done today in this land of ours for the physical, intellectual and moral good of the people than ever before. We have driven out the diabolical liquor traffic never to return. We are living in a land where the influence of the Bible is shed on every side; every individual feels it; every institution is affected by it; it is the chief cause of our prosperity and happiness, the bulwark of our liberty, the guaranty of our future national welfare, the foundation of our progress, the anchorage of our destiny. It is the Bible that makes God known to us as our Creator, Preserver and bountiful Benefactor; who watches over us as individuals so that not a hair of our heads can fall to the ground without His knowledge; who has appointed the bounds of our nation and who, if we permit, will preside over its councils so that we may know the meaning of that Old Testament Beatitude "Happy is that people whose God is Jehovah." Still more wonderfully does the Bible reveal God to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior and our Lord, through whom so many enjoy the blessings of pardon and of adoption into the family of God, becoming heirs with God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ to an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away.

In anticipation of this inheritance the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon me; He is called in the Scripture the earnest of our future possession; He takes our inarticulate groanings and presents them as intercessions at the

throne of grace. He witnesses with our spirits that we are the children of God and through Him we are able to bring forth those beautiful fruits of righteousness that adorn the Christian life. Language cannot express the value of these spiritual blessings which God has bestowed upon us in Christ Jesus. These blessings are general so far as God's children are concerned. They are enjoyed by all who have named the name of Christ, but everyone has his own peculiar blessings, some special joy or deliverance. Perhaps chief of all, we should think of that help that came to us in time of trouble or the good that we were conscious of receiving from what we thought at the time would break our hearts. Did it not prove to be one of the greatest blessings of our lives, when the thorn tormented us to hear God's voice saying "My grace is sufficient for you, my strength is made perfect in your weakness." And we learned how to cast our care upon God, knowing that He careth for us and we came to know that all things work together for our good because we love Him, and are called according to His purpose.

So among our blessings we give a prominent place to our afflictions because they wean our affections from the things that are seen to the things that are not seen; give us a fineness of character that can come in no other way and lead us to that happy place where we shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; where the sun shall not smite us, but where the Lamb shall lead us to living fountains of water and God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes.

I have mentioned but a few of the blessings which the Father of lights has bestowed upon us; but surely they are sufficient to cause us to acknowledge that it is "a good thing to give thanks to Jehovah." How shall we give thanks to Jehovah? How shall we bless His name? In our worship. The Psalms that David wrote to be sung in the temple services were full of thanksgiving. How the hearts of the worshippers must have thrilled as they heard the full chorus singing with jubilant strains, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Still more should our hearts be thrilled as we think of the blessings which God has bestowed upon us, far surpassing those enjoyed by Israel of old, and as we sing such songs as—

When all thy mercies, O my God,  
My rising soul surveys;  
Transported with the view I'm lost  
In wonder, love and praise.

Our prayers should be made up largely of thanksgiving. The apostle says, "In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God." "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Let us cry like supplicants at the throne of grace but let us not fail to bring the sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to Him who is the giver of every good and every perfect gift. The Jews expressed their gratitude to God by a thank-offering. We must do the same. The thank-offering of the Jew was a lamb slain and laid upon the altar. The thank-offering which we bring is far more precious than that of the Jew. The apostle says "I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God" (then it is a thank-offering) that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. This means that the whole body is to be devoted to God—the head to devise plans for His honor, the heart to be aflame with holy passion, the hands to do His will the feet to run cheer-

### GOD WORKED IN A MIGHTY WAY

RIPLEY, Tenn.—I want to report victory in my soul tonight over sin and the devil. I am still saved sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and am on the run for the glory land.

The Lord gave us a good revival at Beasley Chapel. Brother W. G. Webb began a meeting for us the 6th of Oct. and closed the 23rd. There were seven saved about thirteen sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost, six added to the Church and four followed the Lord in water baptism. The Lord surely worked in a mighty way. The altar was full every night. The organ was played under the power of God and the saints danced, shouted and talked in tongues. Sister Arnold of Memphis was with us the three last nights of the meeting.

I want to ask the saints everywhere to pray for my wife. She is in bad health. Pray that God will heal her, also for me that I will obey the Lord and do His will.—Frank Jernigan, Route 5.

### NO TIME TO TURN BACK

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn.—I am praising our dear Lord for His wonderful healing power, also for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I have been in this good way almost twelve years, and have been trusting the Lord for both soul and body. Praise His precious name. I am trusting a Savior who never lost a battle.

I had a very bad sore on my face last Spring, so I sent a handkerchief to Sister Jewell Harter a Bible Student, and she had the students to anoint it, and when I received it I laid it on the sore in the name of Jesus, and was almost healed. I requested prayer again, and the Lord completely healed me.

I am real old, and I feel like traveling on, no time to turn back. I want to live true to Jesus until He comes or calls for His children. All who read this please pray that I will always be a bright and shining light for the Lord.—Mrs. Arrindo Jackson.

### Healed Instantly

DETROIT, Mich.—I wish to say that while I was in Virginia visiting some of the saints that I had a very severe attack of indigestion. I called on the Lord for the healing of my body, and He came to my rescue, and I was instantly healed.

Please pray that I may ever remain humble at His feet looking for His coming.—Floyd Carpenter.

### Prayed Till The Victory Came

EAGLE LAKE, Fla.—I am so glad this morning finds me on victory side, still saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. I see nothing in this sin abounding world to turn back to. I spent years roaming to and fro, seeking pleasure and contentment, but found it not, only in the blood of a crucified Savior. Now I have something I can enjoy all the time in the church or by myself.

I always have someone to go to when in trouble and in need. One who delivers. My baby awoke this morning with a bad case of sore eyes, I prayed for her, but seemed like I could not get victory, so I applied the Evangel to her eyes, still no victory. I went about my work, but could not feel satisfied, so I told the Lord I intended to keep on praying and applying the Evangel until victory did come and the third time the power began to fall and the baby's eyes were healed. My soul was wonderfully blessed. There is always a blessing in trusting God. All pray for me to stand true till Jesus comes or calls.—Mrs. Vera Schumaker.

fully in the way of obedience so that, no matter what we do it shall be for the glory of God. This is thanksgiving, and what is thanksgiving but practical thanksgiving.

### DESIRES COMPLETE VICTORY

DIONE, Ky.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel. I praise the Lord for the blessings He bestows upon me. I thank Him for ever giving me the Holy Ghost, also for His healing power. To preach about Christ is to preach healing.

Some say we preach Christ and leave healing off. We cannot preach this way. I am an invalid in bed. I have been healed twice, but I am not healed completely. I ask an interest in your prayers that the Lord will give me complete victory. I am trusting Him for the healing of my body.—Joe Trusty.

### Thank God For His Many Blessings

SANFORD, Fla.—Dear saints, greetings: I truly thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me since I have been in this way. I thank God for ever leading me this way and for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. Then I praise Him for adding me to the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the Truth. We know the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church.

I truly thank God for the Holy Ghost because it will lead us in the right path. I desire the prayers of the saints that I will stand true to God. I want to say that God is our healer. He healed my little boy, and I honor Him for it. Please remember me in your prayers.—Susie Biggins.

### Serving Elijah's God

RAY, Ohio.—I am so glad we are serving the same God Elijah served, the one that answers by fire, praise His name.

I am so glad for victory over sin and that I have a determination to run the race that is set before me. I was over at Jackson, Ohio last week, had four services there and found that God had some children there looking toward the Church of God and getting hungry for the Holy Ghost. The place was too small to have a revival, but we are praying that God will give us a larger place for we feel that it is a place where the folks need to hear God's truth. I went from there over to Wellston and we had two services and the Lord blessed. We went from there out in the country to Pattonville and preached at a holiness church. My subject was the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. After I preached, one brother got up and said he knew the blessing was for him and he wanted it. He went to shouting and fell under the power of God and lay for more than an hour. He came through speaking in tongues and there sure was a time of rejoicing. I am so glad the latter rain is falling while many are falling away from the truth, but God's Word says these things will take place in the last days. Ah dear ones I can see the fields are white and laborers are few. May God help us to go forth and help to reap in the golden grain. Pray for me that I will live humble and always be found doing God's will.—Edith Graves.

### THE WORTH OF PRAYER

VANWOOD, W. Va.—God has done so much for me. I will never be able to praise Him enough for all His blessings. I was unconscious with typhoid fever for twenty-one days. I was taken to the hospital, and the doctors and nurses gave me up as hopeless.

I thought I would die, so I asked one of the sisters to pray for me that God would save my soul and give me a home in heaven. As she was praying for me one day, I fell asleep and dreamed I went to heaven, and walking the streets of gold. She laid her hand on my head and thank God the affliction was rebuked.

I thought once I would die, but praise God He healed me, and I do honor Him for it.—T. M. Mize.

### THANKSGIVING OF MANY

Let Us Rejoice And Be Thankful For His Many Blessings

F. J. Lee.

Thursday the 24th is Thanksgiving Day. Has not every one of us many things for which we should be thankful? I am sure that you thank God that your lot has been cast in the land of America and not in heathendom, but in a land of enlightenment, a land where we can worship God in freedom of conscience, a land that isn't wrapped in war, but has real prosperity in comparison with some other countries.

We are in the land where the real latter rain first made its appearance and has refreshed and blessed the tens of thousands during the last twenty years. Is that all? No, every true Church of God person is thankful that the Church of God has emerged from beneath the debris of the dark ages and is rapidly spreading her wings over the fair land of America. Though she has been hindered by the fog and smoke of court litigation for some time, she is now surmounting this and is turning her course toward the goal.

This is being written several days before Thanksgiving Day, yet you may not read it until afterwards. If we can stir up some to thank God and magnify His name for His special kindness and favors toward us we will feel that we were not too late with our message after all.

Oh our dear Lord is so very good to us! Let us worship Him in spirit and truth. Paul says, "He hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness: being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God."

Paul calls the attention of the Church of God at Corinth that God hath given to the poor, and had administered seed to the sower and had multiplied the seed sown, and had enriched them in everything. This caused him to offer thanksgiving to God for them. Also they were able to help others, by so doing caused many more thanksgivings.

This shows that the Church of God was full of thanksgivings during the early days. Then if we are to be like the Church of God of Paul's day we too must show our appreciation to God for His many blessings by offering to Him much praise and thanksgiving.

Thank Him For Dispelling the Cloud  
We do not have to pray and groan to God to remove the cloud from over

### We Need Laborers Here

WINSTON, Ga.—I promised the Lord if He would heal my daughter of pneumonia I would testify to it thru the Evangel, although we had a doctor with her, but we had some of the saints to pray for her. We threw away the medicine and put her wholly in the Lord's hands, and He healed her. We give Him all the praise for it. I know the Lord really does heal us if we trust Him fully. He has been our family physician for ten years.

It means much to take the Lord for our all in all, but I am sure His promises are true. We only have to do what He says and just look for the work to be done, as it is just as sure to be done as we live, if we live for Him. Bless His holy name. I thank the Lord for being saved and have the victory in my soul. I thank Him for all He is to me also my family.

There are five of us here in this holy way, and we have no church; the nearest church is thirty-two miles. We would like to have someone to come and hold a revival and get a work established here. We believe it would be pleasing to the Lord. There are some honest hearted people here, and mean good, but they do not have the blessing.

Pray for the saints that we may stay in the center of the Lord's will and ever be found ready doing His will.—L. J. Vollroth.

us anymore but we should do as the Church of God at Corinth thank Him that we are able to help others and thereby cause others to offer thanksgiving.

We are hoping and praying that this will be the greatest year for the Church of God of any previous year. It may be so if every one will arise and do your best for His cause. I feel that many have decided to do this, but why not the entire body clasp hands and go in one solid phalanx for truth and right and the salvation of the world and against sin and Satan.

There are many like Paul who was just as much for the Church of God before he went to Jerusalem as he was afterwards. He had formerly received the vision of the Church. He knew as much about it as Peter, James and John did, but the Lord revealed to him that he should identify himself with the main body lest he should run in vain.

The main Church shunned him for a while until they were thoroughly satisfied that he meant business and wasn't trying to spy out their liberty for the purpose of overthrowing the true Church of God, but when they were fully convinced by his testimony and that of other good witnesses they gladly opened their arms and welcomed him.

### Opportunities For The Church

I am sure that if any have been misled and unwittingly hindered the Church of God in her progress, but afterwards saw their mistake, and ask for forgiveness and recognition we should forgive them, also if a minister is a capable and worthy man he should not be trampled down by placing him in a lower rank. The rank should be decided by the ability of the man.

Paul, as General Overseer said, "Whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also." He states further, "Ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow."

Why should we do this Paul? "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us." God is opening a great door of opportunity to the Church of God. Shall we slam the door in the face of this opportunity? I am not referring to the possibility of getting some certain member as the great opportunity but I am looking far beyond the individual, and thru the "spy glass of God's Word." I feel that I can see great fields laying before us.

I will say no more at present but have only dropped these few thoughts for consideration. Amen.

### COMPLETELY SAVED

ROMEO, Fla.—Oh how I love the Lord this evening for His goodness to me.

I praise God this evening for having saved me about three years ago from sin and added me to the Church of God. Glory to God. I thank God because He has filled my heart with joy and gladness that makes me want to sing songs of praise to His dear name and makes me love everybody, also makes me love the things that I once hated and hate the things that I once loved. Oh how I thank God that when He saved me He made a good job of it. He saved me from the old tobacco demon that was slow, but surely dragging me down to a devil's hell, for in six weeks after He saved me from that filthy lure I had gained 16 pounds in weight.

All that sees this, please pray a special prayer that God will sanctify me and also my wife and baptize both of us with the blessed Holy Ghost and keep us daily in His blessed will.—Jiles A. Markam.

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We have a nice line of **POCKET TESTAMENTS** and **BILL FOLDERS** in stock at a reasonable price. Had you thought what you would present that friend of yours for Christmas? I'm sure they would appreciate nothing better than one of these little articles. Now is the time to place your order so as to receive them in plenty time for the Christmas holidays.

Brother E. W. Forney and family of Canton, Ohio stopped over with the people of Cleveland for a few days. Brother Forney is enroute to Montgomery, Ala., where he expects to take up his pastoral work for the ensuing year.

We have had the privilege also of having Brother Wm. H. Black of Kentwood, Louisiana in our city for several days. He has been visiting relatives here since the Assembly, but expects to return to Kentwood shortly to take up his work there.

The Lord is blessing in the local services here in a wonderful way. Some are receiving the Holy Ghost. We are very glad to have the Bible students in our services and greatly enjoy their good music, prayers etc.

The work in the office is moving along nicely, considering the extra work caused by the Assembly. However, the rush will soon be over and we shall be more able to serve the people with promptness.

To those who are anticipating Christmas programs for their Sunday School would do well to place your order now, so as to receive them in time to prepare your program. Prices 10c and 25c.

Giving is that act by which an individual bestows upon others that which he possesses or makes them partaker of his possessions with him. If this is done for some selfish aim as gaining honor or esteem in the eyes of the recipient of the gift or others, the real blessing of giving is not experienced by the giver; but if the individual denies himself of these pleasures and possessions because his heart is full of the love of God and being replete with this spirit of Christ, gives that others may be happy, he becomes partaker of that joy which alone can be found in giving and sacrificing for others.—(Sel).

## NOTICE

There will be an all day singing at Dora, Ala., on the 2d Sunday of December. You are invited to attend. Bring your choir, song books and be prepared to let us know of your ability to sing. Special songs prepared.

Come one and all and enjoy a good day. P. F. Fritz, Pastor.

Notice to all the Church of God preachers in Ala.:

I want to insist on all the preachers who expect to work in Alabama this assembly year to meet me at the Church of God in Alabama City, Ala. Friday and Saturday Dec. 9th and 10th for general instructions, getting acquainted and outlining the work for the year. I want to be all the help I can to you and feel that it is very important that each of you make a special effort to be present at this meeting.—S. J. Heath, Overseer.

## REQUEST

Mrs. Rosa Lee Mitchell, Route No. 3, Box 210 requests prayer for the healing of her body, also that her husband will come into this good way of holiness.

## MUST FULFILL MY PROMISE

When I awoke this morning of September 14th, my mind was full of the fact that Jesus is coming soon and I am so glad of it. Some will say, how will you be glad of it? That looks selfish where there are not so many ready; they have a chance to be ready. Men are waxing worse, they are getting gospel hardened, saying there is time enough yet. Jesus says for us to watch and pray all the way that we might be counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

His coming is at the door, so look up dear ones, see if you have oil in your vessels with your lamps burning. There is a great deal said in the Bible about the second coming of Jesus. Some have said that the coming of Jesus is mentioned in the New Testament one hundred and twenty times. Some have said that four per cent of the New Testament is given to this one subject, still another has said that one verse out of every twenty-six in the entire Bible mentions the second coming of Christ. I have never taken the time and care to count them, but nevertheless I know this great subject holds a very prominent place in the Bible. This being the case we should study about it, and watch and pray that we may be counted worthy to be caught up with Him when He comes. We can't afford not to be ready.

We must keep wide awake spiritually speaking, and not sleep. We should examine ourselves and see just where we stand. We can't afford to neglect this. I know that Satan is doing all that He can to get us.

We read in Matthew 24:14. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. We note that in the third verse the disciples had asked Him when the temple should be destroyed, and the sign of His coming, the end of the world or age. In Matt. 24:48-50, "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My Lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken: The Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion, with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Why all this? Because he was unfaithful, did not watch and pray. Ah! beloved we are living in a dreadful age.

This is an age just before the coming of Jesus in the shadow of the tribulation when the devil is doing all he can to get our minds off the near coming of Jesus. May God stir our hearts and help us to watch and pray.

This is written with the earnest prayer that God will use it to stir some hearts, and wake them up to the truth that He is coming soon.—Your Sister in Christ, Lorena Cotton, 2305 Central Ave., Tampa, Fla.

## A Witness For Him

WALKER SPRINGS, Ala.—I praise God for saving and sanctifying me and His wonderful goodness to us. He is so merciful to us that I want you to know something about it. My husband was in a very bad condition not long ago. I thought he was going to leave us, but Praise God He spared him to be with us a little longer. O I cannot thank Him enough for that wonderful gift—Jesus.

I promised God if He would give me strength and stand by me to go down in the dark valley to give life to another I would witness for Him thru the Evangel. But loved ones, it was not a dark valley at all, it was all light because He went with me, and O it was so sweet to know that He was near. Pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost. Brother Luther A. Rich and I surely do. Come back and help us Brother Richard.—Nell Adams.

## They Must Come Back Home

LINDALE, Ga.—I am a little girl eleven years of age, but have salvation. My father and mother are in sin, but have once had salvation. I want you to pray for them to come into the fold. The Lord made me willing to confess a lot of things I had kept from my mother, and now I want to help some other poor sinner. I have one aunt in this way. Her people tell her she is going crazy, but I ask your prayers that they may see the light on holiness and realize that she is not going crazy but has real salvation.

I am proud of Divine Healing. I have been sick, but the Lord healed me. I love to serve the Lord. I have two brothers and two sisters. I want them to be workers for Jesus when they get large enough. Your little sister.—Ellen Holder.

## THE WISE SHALL BE CONFOUNDED

1 Cor. 1:27

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the things which are mighty. "Confound" means to put to shame; to perplex; to confuse. (Webster). They cried unto thee and were delivered, they trusted in thee and were not confounded. Pass. 22:5. Here we have two different characters one is confounded or confused perplexed. Why? Because they do not trust in the Lord. The other is not confounded because they trust in the Lord. God's wonderful works, however done in such simple form and through a very simple people that it has got the world confounded or confused. The word "confound" occurs in the Bible over fifty times. In 1 Peter 1:5 he tells us that if we believe on Him we shall not be confounded, so we see that unbelief is the cause of confusion.

In 1 Cor. 2:14 we find that the natural man cannot understand the things of God. It confounds him, he is perplexed, confused because he has not the Spirit of God to discern them. The people of the world are looking to the wisdom of the world and are seeking after it, but it is foolishness with God. 1 Cor. 1:20, and on the other hand we see in the 25th verse that the foolishness of God is wiser than men. No wonder when we talk in tongues and dance under the power of God that so many are confused and perplexed, it is the foolishness of God, but is wiser than men.

When old King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed a dream and it had gone from his mind he had forgotten even what it was he dreamed, so he called his wise men (the wise men of the world, the soothsayers) and demanded them to tell him what he had dreamed, but they were unable to help the king. They were confounded. In Daniel 2:11 the wise men realized it would take a higher power than wisdom of men, but the king ordered them killed, but old Daniel, through the power and wisdom of God told the king his dream and also the interpretation thereof, then the wise men were confounded again. They had seen the power and wisdom of God demonstrated and it confounded them. Old King Belshazzar made a feast and there appeared a handwriting on the wall, and again the old king and all the wise men were confounded but they called for Daniel to read the writing and old Daniel was not confounded because he believed God and God made known the writing on the wall to the king.

There are many other great events that have taken place which have the wise men of this world confounded, but God in these last days is pouring out His power on His people. Those who will obey and believe Him and if we will stand true to Him and press forward we can have the hidden mysteries of God unfolded to us to-day as they were in the early church. I never felt any more like drawing near to God than I do now and I want to know more about His hidden mysteries and His wonderful works. I know we can only know them as we draw closer to Him and separate ourselves more and more from the world. The world knoweth us not, because they knew Him not. The world did not know Jesus and the works He did kept them in confusion and kept the world confounded, so if we will get to the place where He can use us like He wants to the world will be confounded at the works of the Lord through us. Just like they were through the works of the Lord and Paul and Peter and all the rest of the people in the early church. The world does not know any more about God to-day than they did then, of course they know more about the world for they are continually seeking after the knowledge of the world. The world by wisdom knew not God. 1 Cor. 1:21 so that is not the way to understand God's great wisdom but by seeking Him with all our hearts we can know Him. If any lack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally. James 1:5. God is liberal, God has a bountiful supply of grace, wisdom and knowledge for all who will ask of Him from an honest heart in faith believing. The wisdom He gives us is first pure then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated full of mercy and good fruits without partiality and without hypocrisy. James 3:17. This is the wisdom we should seek after and when we get a good supply of this kind of wisdom we will be able to confound the wise more and more. Get wisdom. Prov. 4:5, the pure kind and let the world call you a fool if they desire.—T. A. Richard Harlan, Ky.

## Desires To Be Completely Healed

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va.—I want to sound a note of praise through the dear Evangel. I am praising God for His healing power. I have been so I could hardly walk. I told the Lord if He would heal me, I would testify to it through the Evangel. I am not completely healed, but I am still trusting the Lord for complete victory.

Please pray for me that I might stay in the center of the Lord's will, and do just what He would have me to do at all times.—Lucinda Hypes.

## OBEDIENCE OR DISOBEDIENCE WHICH

S. F. Beard.

Text.—Acts 5:29. "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

Obedience is the very essence of all Christian living. Without obedience it is impossible to have Christians. The apostle, had been imprisoned by the high priest, and had been commanded to cease preaching in the name of Jesus, but the angel of the Lord had opened the prison door and had commanded them to go and stand in the temple and speak ALL the words of this life, and they had obeyed, and were preaching when the high priest sent to get them for trial. The first thing that the high priest asked them was "Did not we straightly command you that ye should not teach in this name?" And Peter, the spokesman that he was, was quick to answer, "We ought to obey God rather than man."

I would to God that everyone could see the necessity of complete obedience to the Divine Command as those early veterans saw it.

Here they had two commands that conflicted with each other, one said, "You should" and one said "you should not," so they were left to choose which they would obey.

To gain popularity, they would have to choose to obey the command of the high priest, then nearly everyone would have patting them on the shoulder and congratulated them for the wise choice they had made, but these men had reached the place, where the applause of the people meant nothing, but so they knew that they were in the will of the great God. But they were determined to obey His commands at the risk of their lives; they were willing to be counted crazy and the outcasts of the earth for His sake, for after they were beaten and set at liberty, they departed from the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. Many times it looks as though we are going to be left if we do not compromise, or modify our views just a little so as to conform to the ideas and opinions of the other folks, but the truth of the matter is we will be left without the sweetness of our experience if we do, so in the face of all adversity we should be men and bear our part of the burden without wavering, knowing that He knows and cares for His own.

Look at Daniel and his companions how they were in danger of losing their lives when they refused to eat the King's meat or to drink his wine, but they were the kind that were determined to see the thing through at any cost, for says the Bible "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Dan. 1:8.

It is very noticeable that Daniel had purposed the thing in his heart before he said a word about it to the prince of the eunuchs, in other words Daniel wanted peace if he could obtain it without defiling himself, but he was determined that he would not defile himself. Determination to do the right thing goes a long way in living our religion. As I have said a number of times, Will Power is about one fourth of religion any way. If a man wills to do right, he can do right. Take for an example a man who is never settled in anything and as a rule he does not make the kind of a Christian that holds out, but is first up and then down. I do not blame men for being an opposer of the Gospel, if he is honest in his opinion and wants to know the will of God, for when you get a man of this kind changed he makes just as determined man for the right as he was for the wrong. Take the great apostle to the gentiles for an illustration. He made havoc of the church and entered into every house and hailed both men and woman and committed them to prison and he, not being satisfied with persecuting those in Jerusalem only, but was determined to carry his plan of extermination farther, so he went to the high priest and obtained letters or warrants to arrest and bring back to Jerusalem to be placed in prison all that he found in this way. See how relentless, how unmerciful he was; and all of this was done because he believed that he was doing God's service, he thought that he should do many things contrary to Jesus of Nazareth.

Paul was an honest hearted man because when he learned what the right thing was he did not hesitate to do it. He said, "Who art thou Lord?" And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." Acts 9:5-6.

Paul did not hesitate even to go to those whom he thought he hated so much, as to seek their lives, and ask

their advice and to take it if he knew it was in harmony with God's will. So he obeyed the heavenly vision and went to Damascus and there it was told him what to do, and he did it, so the next thing we hear of Paul is—"That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed." Gal. 1:23.

Obedience to God was the key note to Paul's whole career. When writing to the Church of God at Corinth, he said "For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in ALL things." 2d Cor. 2:9. Paul was not that kind who believed in obeying part of the commandments and then disobeying part of them, as many of our modern professors try to teach us to do; saying that it is impossible to live without sin. They not knowing that "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. Jno. 8:34. A servant is supposed to obey his master, then if we are the servant of sin, sin is our master, and if sin then is our master, we are supposed to obey sin. But this is contrary to the teaching of the Bible, listen: "One is your Master, even Christ." Matt. 23:10. Then if one is our Master, and that one is Christ, how is it that we can serve sin at the same time, we say we are the servants of Christ. No servant wants two masters whose desires are so vastly different, and no one wants a servant who divides his time with his adversary. Then to be a servant of Christ, we must not divide our time with the devil for to obey Satan means only one thing: that we must disobey Christ, then to disobey Christ makes us disobedient children, and "For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience." This goes to prove that it does not make any difference what station in life we may occupy, we incur the wrath of God upon us by disobedience to Him.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28. "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day to go after other gods which ye have not known."

God just commanded one thing that was for them to obey Him. "But this thing commanded I them, saying Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you. But they hearkened not nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the stubbornness of their own evil heart they walked and they, like all others who will not obey Him went backward and not forward.

We find many to-day who are backward about keeping His commandments and as a general rule they are the most backward in all work of society for the betterment of the country but are enthusiastic workers against all reforms that tend to better social living.

Disobedience is disobedience whether we believe it to be or not, and in this day of learning and advantages ignorance is no excuse whatever. We MUST obey now if we are ever permitted entrance through the gates into the city of Gold. "No sin can enter there" so truly says the poet. Everything that defiles and everything that maketh a lie will be excluded when entrance to that city is sought, so those men who are teaching that you have to commit sin more or less every day show by their own profession that they do not expect to enter heaven at any time.

In the face of all of the promises and warnings, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2d Cor. 7:1. Amen.

Box 2511, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

## Through Persecutions We Are Made Stronger

CANTON, Texas.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel this beautiful eve. I praise God for this full and free salvation that He is offering to all. I thank Him for saving me from sin. He has taken the world out of me. I praise Him for the Holy Ghost that abides in my soul right now. I thank Him for His healing power, also His keeping power.

It is wonderful how the dear Lord does manifest His wonderful power in these last days. He has promised never to leave nor forsake us. We must live an unspotted life for the Lord if we reach heaven.

Oh, I have so many things to praise the Lord for, though I am persecuted on every hand, but I am determined to go all the way through with Jesus. By persecutions we are made stronger. I am often afflicted in my body, but the Lord is able to heal all manner of diseases. Please pray that I will have more faith. Oh, how I do praise Him for His love and goodness to me.

I desire an interest in your prayers that I will stand true and grow stronger.—Mr. C. E. Sides.

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## SOON COMING OF JESUS

PARSHALL, North Dak.—I promised God I would testify through the Church of God Evangel so now I must fulfill my promise.

I am truly thankful to know that I have found Jesus as my only Saviour and for the love that He had for me in that He picked me up out of this world of sin.

I truly thank Him for His keeping and healing power, as He has healed me many times. Pray for me that I may have more of the love of Jesus Christ.—Miss Helland.

AUBURN, Ky.—I thank and praise God that I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I never saw or heard of the Church of God people until I went to Bowling Green, Kentucky and attended their tent meeting. In this meeting I fell under the power and received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and thank God I am glad I ever found this good way.

I thought for four years that I had real salvation, but I am so glad that I ever went down to Payne St. Bowling Green and found the only Way. Praise the Lord.

My husband and I go eighteen miles every Sunday to Sunday School and meeting. We have some rough roads to drive over, but we just go right on over and that is the way I want to be for Jesus—just keep right on and never turn back.—Mrs. Mildred Rich-ey.

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### Enjoying The Bible School

I am glad because I have been permitted to be back in Cleveland to attend school again. For a time last summer it seemed as though we were not going to get to be here, but I have learned that our God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Eph. 3:20.

I am enjoying the Bible School very much and feel it is the place where God wants me at present and for that reason I am here. God has surely placed His approval on the School and if you feel led to come, you better mind as God is in this thing.

There are many sincere hearted young people looking this direction, some on the verge of coming but for some reason have been hindered. Say brother or sister let us get in earnest, pray about this, and when you are fully persuaded don't hesitate "go" and God will go with you. Well someone will say, I haven't enough money to pay all my expenses. If God says "go" you had better obey and He will pay the bills. So many honest hearts stand by and let the devil cheat them out of this good opportunity that will better equip themselves for the battle that will determine whether or not we will be the overcomer. God wants men and women who are prepared, those who are wise to the enemy's tactics. Come let us push this with all our might and put recruits into God's army.—Pearl Anderson, Plaza, N. Dak.

### THE FEAST IS ON

The Lord surely is blessing in the Bible School, and we don't fail to get under the spot when the glory comes down. Well thank the good Lord.

This is my first term in the Bible School. I am praying right now that I may be able to come back next year. We thank God for the teachers who will stand for the Word of God. If you feel the need of more knowledge of the Word, I am sure this is the place for you. I truly thank the Lord for permitting me to attend the Bible School this term. I want to put the balance of my time in for the Lord. I am sure He will do His part if I do mine.

Some people wonder what we do here at the school. We study to rightly divide the Word and the Truth, pray six times a day, and unity is our motto. There is always someone who needs prayer. We are never too busy to call on the Lord for the sick in the schoolroom.

Please remember me in your prayers, also my wife and daughter that we may stay in the center of God's will.—Your brother in Christ, A. L. Smith.

### Count It All Joy

SLATON, Tex.—I am glad I can still report victory in my soul. I praise Jesus for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. The Lord sent Brother M. E. Drake to our home town and preached the true Gospel of Christ to me. I was wonderfully saved from my sins. After the meeting closed, the temptations seemed so hard and the way seemed too straight and narrow. I grew cold, but in February 1927 Brother J. B. Berrill, a Pentecostal Evangelist, held a revival and God wonderfully blessed. I took part in the meeting, went every night and received many blessings from the Lord. One night I said "Lord, I'm coming home." I thank Him for full salvation and trust Him for everything. I have no desire now to go back into sin, but am trying to endure to the end. His Word says "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved."

Pray for me that I may have a closer walk with the Lord and stand true to the end.—(Miss) Willie Hargrave.

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## The Lord Is Working In Arkansas

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel. I am praising God for what He is doing for His people in the State of Arkansas. I can say I have victory in my soul right now. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God.

We just closed a meeting recently at Cherry Valley and Bay, Ark. Seven were restored, one converted, one sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. The Lord is working in a wonderful way.

Please remember me in your prayers.—T. W. Wimberly.

## TRUSTING GOD

MANATEE, Fla.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I still feel like traveling on. I am feeling good in my soul right now, though the enemy is trying to afflict my body. I have had a pain in my right side for two years, and it seems to get worse. I am still trusting the Lord for the healing of my body, but it seems that I can't be touched.

These pains cut my breath off at times until I can hardly breathe. I ask an interest in your prayers that God will heal me.—Mrs. M. L.

## FEED MY SHEEP

By L. J. Allen

We notice the Master said to Peter "Feed my sheep." Jno. 1:16. We also hear Him say, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring." Jno. 10:16. We believe the Church is the fold, then if more are brought into the fold, naturally it will require more feed. Then we refer to the quotation "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." Acts 20:28.

Now he said "overcomers" and we notice there is more than one and they are to feed the Church of God (the fold). Now suppose some of the flock are turned out in the backfield, where there is not much to eat (way out in the country), and a little boy is sent to feed them once or twice a month. Now you know a boy cannot carry as much as a man, but the little boy goes on carrying his little basket of food to the sheep in the backfield, when finally he gets discouraged because he never gets to see his state overseer with a big basket of good hard food, and the boy gets discouraged and does not go to the backfield to feed the sheep quite often enough and the sheep fall off; they get poor and the wolf catches some of them.

"Let every man abide in his calling wherein he is called." 1 Cor. 7:20. Now dear hearts, if He has called you to evangelize then do not pastor a church, and if He has called you to pastor do not evangelize, and if He has set you in as teacher, stay in your place. The Holy Ghost has made you overseers and the Church has set you forth, then do not take two or three of the best churches to pastor but take a big basket of food; go around over the State and feed these little boys and when they get fat and grow they can carry a larger basket of food to the other sheep in the backfield.

Well glory, I long to see the day when every one will abide in his calling in the Church. I believe they were abiding there when Peter spoke to Ananias. Acts 5:11-13.

Now let's all abide where God called and set us. Those that join themselves for filthy lucre sake will soon be cut off. Dear Brother and Sister you should all pay tithes and give offerings, and stand by your pastor if he is putting in his time for Jesus.

God bless us all that we may abide in our calling and keep our health that we may be able to carry a big basket of food. It is going to take lots of food because He has said He was going to bring more sheep into the fold.

Everyone pray for the little boys and bring around a big basket of food once in a while. Amen.

## DEAR FRIENDS

Come dear friends and go with me to the land across the sea.  
'Tis a home of pure delight  
Where no sin can enter in.  
Though we are laughed and scorned at,  
We'll invite you come and join  
Would you stay away today,  
Just because your friends will say,  
That is not the way?

Jesus has laid the plan of salvation. Will you come without delay,  
Come and join our band today.  
When our travel here is over,  
And our work on earth is done,  
Will you meet me dear friends,  
In the land where there is no sin.  
Written by Madie Stephens. (18 years of age).

## A LESSON ON WHEELS AND TIRES

Text:—Ezek. 1:15-21

You will notice in reading this chapter how much emphasis the prophet was placing on wheels. He also mentions rims (Revised Version). A striking thought is implied by his saying that there was the spirit of life in those wheels. There is a lesson here for us if we only make the comparison. Please do not spend the wrong opinion, where we take as an illustration of our modern conveyances of wheels and tires and rims. There is a lesson in everything. Christ taught us how to draw lessons from birds, flowers, fields and other objects, so we see by reading this chapter we can draw a lesson on wheels, tires and rims.

In the old country they had a habit of distributing eggs among the survivors at a funeral, this because life is round as an egg and it rolls on. Indeed life is round in many ways, the top of the wheel is now up, then down, as it rolls along, the top is way above the earth while the bottom is touching the dust. When it seems like the bottom of the wheel of your life is touching the dust make a desperate effort to get it on top. Do not put on brakes, but turn on more oil and let the wheel turn. We can notice a wheel, as it turns the bottom of the wheel is in the dust, but then of a sudden it will be way on top.

How many of us just yesterday were on top, but now seemingly are on the bottom, but when the wheel seems to stop then just turn loose a real honest-to-goodness prayer and watch the wheel turn. In turning, the wheel does not show any of its details. You can watch it as it turns, but all you can see is the circumference, the axle and nothing more. You cannot see the spokes; you cannot see neither defect nor virtues, but the details are there just the same. Here is your life and mine, I see yours and you see mine, but you do not see the many details that make up my life; you know nothing at all of the smiles and the sighs and joys and sorrows that make up the total sum of my life as it is, but while the wheel is moving at an astonishing velocity and while you cannot see the details, the small things, that make up life yet there is one thing that never turns, never changes but is always the same and that is the axle around which the wheel is turning, that axle is the very thing that holds the wheel in position. Should the axle give way, the wheel would detach and cause untold damages. The axle of our life wheel is God. He never changes, never revolves, but is the same all the time. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Let us notice more closely the automobile wheels and tires. The outward tire is a mighty good illustration of our Christian lives, but is not any good unless it is filled. There is our Filling Station, let us go to God and fill up. Everywhere almost you will see a sign which reads "Free air." If it is free, then there is no excuse for being empty. God is willing to fill us if we only come to Him, but there is danger of over-inflating. I notice in 1 Cor. 4:18 where some had gotten puffed up (over inflated) because Paul would not come over just when they wanted him to. Again in 1 Cor. 4:6 he says for one not to be puffed up at another, then he says in 1 Cor. 4:19 that he would not know the speech of them that were puffed up, so you see there is danger of over-inflating. On the other hand one may not put in enough air, in which case you will soon be riding on your wheel of life on a flat tire. You can start out on a long ride and meet men riding on a flat tire, their faces show it, let alone the tire which is wearing out with every turn of the wheel. My, what long faces they have. Then look at the flat tire Christian, see his face. Something is wrong there. What is it? Look at his life, (his wheel) and there is something decidedly flat there. No joy in such riding, no comfort in such living. Get out and pump up, get close to the Filling Station and let God fill you up with the oil of gladness and put a smile on your face where you had a frown. It is said that it takes thirteen muscles to smile and sixty-four to frown. Fill up quick and smile.

Beware of a flat tire religion. It will wear you out more day by day. The thing to do when your tire begins to run flat is to fill up again and keep going. Then there is some that try to fill up, but it seems like it is a hard matter for them to fill up. What is the matter? The tire has gotten a leak they must first stop the leak. Many people hang around God's Filling Station (church) and try to pump life into their flat tires, but Brother, you must first try to stop the leaks! Have you given up all those little bad habits that stand between you and the Lord? Some will try to get filled with their Lodge pins and jewelry of different kinds on, then they will say they do not think there is any harm in them and will try to get filled up, but the only thing you will see out of them is a flat tire

life. The wheel of their life runs slow; the tires have the habit of picking up nails and tacks etc. out on the road and of course they become punctured. New tires sometimes do that. Many have been filled and run smoothly for awhile, but look at the wheel of their life now. What is the matter? They are running on a flat tire. Why? Because they have picked up some old friends, some old habits they had put aside—the tacks and nails along on the road and they went as flat as a pancake.

Beware of the bad roads where you know you have left behind a lot of tacks and things, for if you start back on them you are sure to get punctured. Keep the wheel of your life rolling; keep it filled up, but be sure and do not get it too full for it is liable to burst. Remember, tires are useless when they go wrong, so we need a spare tire when we go on a long trip. Had you thought about your spare tire? Are you trusting in Him who has promised to renew your strength? He says to cast all our care upon Him for He careth for us. Remember when a flat tire runs so long it will cut the rim and then it has to be thrown away, so if you feel like the tire of your life is going down, look to Jesus. He is our spare tire and in time of trouble He is always there to help, so get under His wing, then how you can sing, pray and work for Him, and He will make the way easy. Let's do not let the wheel of our lives run on a flat tire, but let's stay filled up to the top, so that when Jesus comes we will be filled up and ready to go.

### COULD FEEL THE HEALING VIRTUE FLOWING THRU MY BODY

JAMAICA, B. W. I.—Dear saints of God, greetings: I am feeling good right now. I was afflicted for three years, tried all remedies that I thought would do me any good. I decided to leave it up to the Lord, because I knew He could heal all manner of diseases.

One morning one of the brethren came to the service at the church, and my mother who is a member of the Church of God asked me to have him to pray for me. I asked her if it would do me any good. I went to the Church and was prayed for and anointed with oil. After returning home the pain became worse. I sent for the saints to come and pray for me. They prayed and anointed me with oil in the name of Jesus. I could feel the power passing through my body.

I want to say now that I am well, and do my work. I believed, and the Lord did the work. I am asking all who read this not to use remedies, but put your trust in the Lord. I desire that the saints will remember me in your prayers that I will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—George Anderson.

### THE EVANGEL IS FOOD TO MY SOUL

LANCASTER, Tenn.—I praise God for His goodness to me. I want to say that I enjoy reading the Evangel, it is food to my soul. I have been reading it for two years. I thank God for saving and sanctifying me, and for His healing power.

I have rheumatism, but I am trusting God for the healing of my body, because I know there is nothing im-

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Matt. 10:28

Jack Cockerell, Weatherford, Tex.

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

While Jesus was speaking and instructing His disciples what to do and how to do, He uttered these words in behalf of their enemies, just as a father would before sending his son some place. Most of people now though know so much more than their fathers that they do not need any instructions or teachings. (?) Nevertheless we notice in the text the need of God's Insurance applied to our hearts and souls.

Most everybody this day and time have their property highly insured. First we notice the homes everywhere in general, people have their homes insured for a certain amount, some more than others. As soon as the lumber is laid on the ground they have it insured against fire, theft and most everything else except earthquakes. There are many dollars spent for insurance on the homes, and some people burn their own homes for the insurance, but I believe there is coming a day soon when people by the thousands will burn for the lack of Godly Insurance.

Next, we notice the automobiles. As soon as they are purchased they are insured against such as theft, fire, collisions etc. I sometimes wonder how these insurance companies stay in business as there are so many cars stolen, burned and collisions every day that passes by.

Now we notice life insurance. Most everybody you meet has their life insured, even parents have their little children's lives insured. I know a man in this city who was taking insurance on his child and when that child died the insurance covered the burial expenses which was very expensive too.

Let us notice the text, Jesus says to not fear the one that was only able to destroy the body, but fear the One that was able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Brother, I want to tell you, you can have all your homes, cars and your own life insured, but if you haven't got your heart and soul insured with God's power from Heaven you will be cast into hell. If you haven't your life insured and don't feel the assurance that you are prepared to meet God you had better get ready to escape the awful wrath which is coming upon this ungodly world. I am not against insurance, but I want to impress it upon your mind that we should be more careful to have our lives insured against hell than the worldly things that perish with the using.

Remember to pray for me and do not neglect to take out your insurance with Jesus. We expect to meet many of you at our State Camp Meeting, if not there at the General Assembly, and if not there we will all meet at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Yours for Jesus.

possible for Him to do. Dear saints please pray that God will heal me completely.—(Miss) Lula Kelley, Rt. 1, Box 5.

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Greenville, S. C.—Dear Brethren and Sisters, with praise to our God, I will try to tell you what the Lord has done for my daughter's baby. My daughter was unwell at the time of the illness of the baby, she was also healed of a cancer. We give God the thanks for both healings.

Please remember me in your prayers also pray for my daughter to be saved.—Mrs. Alice Johnson.

WORK MOVING ON  
IN NASSAU

NASSAU, N. P. Bah.—I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer for what He is to me for He wonderfully healed my body when I was sick. I had service right in my home and three got converted, and sanctified and two were baptized with the Holy Ghost. I am asking all the dear saints of God to pray for me that I may stay humble and true until He comes or calls.—Ellen Butler.

## HEALED AND SAVED

HEFLIN, Ala.—Dear saints and Evangel readers. I want to pay my vows to God and I don't know of any better way than to write a testimony to the Evangel.

I want to try to tell what God has done for me. My husband was suffering death it seemed with some kind of pain, so I promised the Lord if He would heal him I would testify to it. The Lord healed him.

After we had prayer for my husband the enemy attacked him again, and I thought surely he was gone. We prayed again and the Lord healed and saved him. I don't know how to thank Him for His healing power, and for His love and goodness to us.

Please remember me in your prayers that I will get closer to the Lord and do His will at all times.—May God bless all of you.—Mrs. A. M. Hilkerson.

The Union Meeting a  
Very Successful One

P. C. Hickson, District Superintendent  
The Sunday Schools of the West Coast District of the State of Florida hold their Union Meeting at Wildwood October 8th, 1927. Many gathered from far and near to witness the general review of the lessons of the past quarter. Truly the presence of the Lord was there and the operation of the Holy Ghost was upon all. We thank God for the manifestation of His wonderful power on that day. There was shouting, dancing, singing and praising God throughout the entire day, but the main feature of the meeting was "Unity and fellowship." "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psal. 133:1.

We thank God for giving understanding to the Scripture as we went through the discourse of the early kings of Israel. Those who were present concluded that it was the greatest Union Meeting ever held on the District. I am glad I can say that the Sunday School work on the West Coast District is steadily moving onward.

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I ask that all schools try to report their "\$5.00" according to the rule which was passed by the Union at our next Union Meeting, which will convene at Webster, Fla., former address Centerhill, Fla. January 1, 1928, which will be the ending of the year's work for 1927. Do not miss this Union Meeting. If you do, you will afterward regret it. Now is the time to begin to prepare for it.

NOTE:—Our colored brethren are invited to maintain an orphanage in Florida. I am sure the editor and publisher will be glad to publish anything for them which will be of interest for their work.

Contributions for their orphanage retained within the state where health institution is located. Address: Mrs. B. Bright, 2346 Dennis St., Jacksonville, Fla.—F. J. Lee.

HE WILL KEEP  
HIS OWN

NEW SMYRNA, Fla.—I thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings, for His keeping power and for the precious Holy Ghost which still abides.

I thank Him for sending Brother and Sister Ruark to this place. Sister Ruark gave out some wonderful messages. We had good crowds. She preached in the homes. No one was saved, but seed have been sown.—J. J. Murray, 402 Ronnoc Lane.

My Faith Is Stronger  
Each Day

LOUISE, Miss.—I truly praise God for His many blessings to me. The Lord shed His life's blood that we might be redeemed from sin. We are made to rejoice when we read the testimonies in the Evangel.

I have a desire to tell the lost world about Jesus, how He can save, sanctify and fill with the precious Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4. Just fourteen months ago the Lord lifted me up out of darkness and gave me the true light. I went to our Baptist meeting one week and then began to go to the holiness meeting, and was saved I know, but there was such a longing in my soul for something I did not have. The third night I attended the meeting I was so anxious to get to the altar until I could hardly wait. After I went to the altar I was completely carried away with the things of the world and hid away with Christ. The first thing I remember I was speaking in other tongues also was singing in other tongues. Praise God I am still shouting the victory.

God gave me the gift of healing power and I am going to work for Him until He calls me home. My faith is stronger each day. We must hold onto the great divine power. By His stripes we are healed. We must live the life so it will be a testimony. We have a good church here. God is blessing us wonderfully. Pray for the work here.—Mrs. C. C. Sibley.

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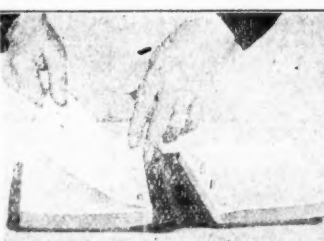
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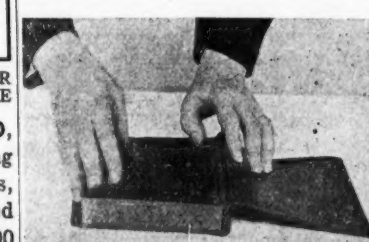
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Who Will Give A Lift to the Wheels of  
Zion

## Let Us Move Together And She Will Come Out

F. J. Lee.

Below are a few suggestions concerning our great financial drive. We would like to hear from others as to what you think about it, also what you think you can do. Paul said one time, "I can do all things."

We can too if we will put our shoulder to the wheel and everyone do their best.

Haven't you often been made glad when some one came along and helped you get your car out of a bog?

I imagine the Lord is saying, "who will come and help me?" All together and she will go out. Brother Heath says, "I believe the dollar plan is fine. If you see fit to put it in effect I will try to average a dollar for each member in Alabama. I believe the Church of God is going forward now with leaps and bounds."—S. J. Heath.

I note the suggestion in the Evangel about the obligation also about the one dollar a member. I think it a good plan and will do my best to get the members at Springfield and Brighton churches to respond. Oliver E. Swadley.

Brother Latimer said, "I think we shall have our church to be first to send in its quota."

Brother Latimer you were too slow, Brother Aldridge, the clerk at Boaz, Ala., got ahead of you and sent in a check for \$40.00 representing 40 members. Hurrah for Boaz!

Notice that we have one star less.

OVERSEERS PLEASE TAKE  
NOTICE

We of course will have to depend on each State Overseer to launch this campaign in his respective state. Some have expressed themselves as to how they would handle it. We don't care how it is handled just so that an average of one dollar for each member is

raised. The thought is let everyone do their best, not only as an individual but as a church. It would be well to announce a special service, perhaps with dinner, have a special program so as to get the people together. It might also be well to appoint some special solicitors.

State Overseers, District Overseers and Pastors let's roll up our sleeves and get into this. Let us remember that the Lord has been especially good to us in removing the great cloud from over us, then let us show our appreciation unto Him by saying, "here am I Lord. I will do my part."

Remember to keep looking for the stars to disappear, for as they disappear a mystical name will appear. Boaz, Ala. is the first to help that mystical name to begin to appear.

MANATEE, Fla.—I am happy in my soul this morning. I praise God for full and free salvation. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Over four years ago I learned to love the Lord.

I am working with a mighty wicked bunch of people, but I know God's grace is sufficient to carry me thru. The Lord is giving me health and strength to go forth and labor for my family, and I do thank God for His goodness to me.

Do help us pray for the work here, as we need help.—M. L. Wingate.

LAKE CITY, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel to tell what the Lord has done for me. The Lord healed me of a severe case of asthma. Praise God He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may stay humble before Jesus and do His will.—Maggie Clark.

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Wants To Be Ready  
For His Coming

CARBON HILL, Ala.—I am thanking and praising God this morning for life, health and for the sunlight of another day that has dawned upon us. I am glad to say also that I have salvation and a hope of eternal life. Oh how my heart is burdened this morning for lost souls who are out in sin, and it would be the desire of my heart to get out and proclaim to this world that Jesus died for them.

I know I have made mistakes along the way and have made vows to God but failed to pay them, though I have promised God that if He would forgive me and hear my voice once more I intend to live for Him. What sad mistakes lots of us make in listening to the devil instead of God. The devil is on his job, he knows his time is short in which to work and he wants to do his best to get every saint of God not only here at Carbon Hill, but everywhere. O how we should watch, as well as pray. I am made to believe our Saviour is coming soon. O I want to see Him, look upon His face, there to sing forever of His saving grace, and too I have some loved ones who have gone on before. Four little children which were so sweet to us. Only in March the death angel visited our home and took our little girl, age 9. It seems as though I cannot live here without her, but I know she is in the arms of Jesus. It was hard to give her up, but it is joy to know she is with Jesus. I have two other children and I want to rear them for Jesus.

I truly thank God for such a friend to forgive us of all our sins, sanctify and fill us with the precious Holy Ghost, also heals our bodies when we get sick. He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him and with His stripes we are healed. I want the saints every where to pray for me and for my home that God will make it a home of prayer and for the Church here at this place. I cannot forget to thank God for the dear Evangel which has been a real food to my soul. I do not get to attend service like I want to, but I can pick up my little paper and read so many good sermons and good testimonies. O how we can feel the presence of our Redeemer. I want to be among the number when the saints go marching home. Ah that we could get people to heed, and that every one who have their names on the Church book would live the life, so that sinners could have confidence in us. They are watching everyone's life. Saints pray for me to get under the blood more. I do want to be ready for Jesus is soon coming.—Mrs. Ollie McRea.

Thank The Lord For  
The Comforter

LITWARR, W. Va.—Dear saints, I want to tell of the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon me. I wish to say right here that I enjoy reading the Evangel, the paper I love so well.

I became careless about praying, and went back in sin. I became ill, took all kinds of medicine, but the Lord kept dealing with my heart, and I became hungry for salvation again.

I am glad to say that I am saved and sanctified right now, and that sinful nature is taken out. Thank the Lord the comforter abides now. I am not going to deny my Lord any more. I am determined to go all the way.

Dear ones He is coming soon, and we all want to be ready to go up with Him. My heart's desire is to do something for the Lord. He suffered on the cross that we might be saved from our sins, so let us live a true consecrated life for Him.

Please remember my husband and children that they may be saved before it is too late, also remember me in your prayers.—Mrs. Jim. Sites.

Healed of Spinal  
Meningitis

LAKE WALES, Fla.—I feel led to write a few lines to the paper. Last year I had spinal meningitis, was attacked in church one night, and it seemed that I was gone, but the dear saints prayed for me and the Lord touched my body. I was not healed completely. My husband sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse and when it returned I took hold of it, and was healed instantly.

When I opened the letter the handkerchief fell out in my hands I felt the healing virtue go through my body, and I have been healed ever since. O, I do praise God for His healing power. There is nothing too great for Him to do.

Please pray for me that I will ever stay humble at the feet of Jesus and do more for Him in the future than I have done in the past.—Mrs. G. D. Langford.

GOD CAN WORK  
IN SPITE OF  
OPPOSITION

LAVONIA, Ga.—We began a meeting at Lavonia, Ga. Monday night, Sept. 30th. We planned to hold the meeting in the Union Meeting House, but after preaching there one time, those in charge of the building sent us word that we couldn't have the church any more. The Bible tells us in John 16:2 "They shall put you out of the synagogues," so we were made to rejoice for this, knowing this to be Jesus' own words fulfilled.

We went to a brother's home and continued the meeting for two weeks. We preached most of the time in the open air, in the yard. People attended who had never attended before. The Lord blessed in spite of the devil and all opposition. Two were saved. On the Sunday night after the meeting closed, we went back to preach in another home and two were wonderfully saved, praise the Lord. He can work and no one can hinder.

The last night of the meeting, most every one gave their hand for prayer. Pray that the little band of saints at that place may soon have a place to worship.—Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

Pray For A Harvest Of  
Souls

HEIDELBERG, Ky.—I want to report a ten days meeting at Heidelberg held by Sister Bertha G. Shideler. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. She gave out the Word in its fullness. The singing and music was good and the crowds were large.

Four were converted and one received the Holy Ghost. Brother Smith and the saints from Heidelberg have been holding a meeting at Idamay. We have had pleasant weather and large crowds. Many are under conviction. Pray that we may get a harvest of souls here.

On the 16th of Oct. we had all day meeting at Idamay, also dinner on the ground. We had good services. Sister Shideler was with us and gave out the Word. One was baptized in water and one added to the Church. The saints at Heidelberg, Ky. are not dead yet. We are doing all we can for the Lord. Pray for us that we will go over the top for the Lord.—Leslie Smith.

## Jesus Is All I Need

GRANITEVILLE, Mo.—This evening after being in the service of God I feel impressed to write to the Evangel telling what Jesus is doing for me. I am so glad that nearly three years ago I sought my Savior and found Him precious to my soul. I thank and praise Him because He saved me from a Devil's Hell, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. Ever since then I found Jesus all I need.

It makes no difference how hard the battles are. I can look up and trust Jesus. I trust Him for the healing of my body at all times. I have not taken a drop of medicine since I have been trusting the Lord. I had sixty-two warts on my hand at one time last winter. I sent a letter to Brother L. G. Rouse asking him to pray that God would remove them. People would recommend their remedies to me, but I trusted in Jesus. Different ones told me to rub them with a grain of corn, well in fact they told me of several remedies, but I did not pay any attention to them, I only trusted God. He answered my prayers and now forty of them are gone and the others can hardly be seen.

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CHURCH OF GOD IS  
WINNING FAVOR

NEWPORT Tenn.—We have just closed a successful revival at Carsen Springs about six miles from Newport. Brother M. W. Letsinger did the preaching. He gave out some wonderful sermons. Everybody enjoyed having him with us.

There were sixteen converted nine sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water and six added to the Church. The Church was edified. We feel that the Church of God is winning the favor of all the people around.—George E. Bell y, pastor.

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